

## MONOMONAC LAKE (Winchendon)

## General Information:

Lake Monomonac is an interstate fishing pond and comes under the jurisdiction of New Hampshire fishing laws. However, persons duly licensed to fish in Massachusetts or New Hampshire may fish this 592-acre lake. Depth averages eight feet with a maximum of 19 feet. Transparency is moderately high at nine feet. Recreational use includes boating, water skiing, swimming and fishing. In 1970 an informal public access site was mad available via the dam off Rt. 202.

## Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during the summer of 1979. Using electrofishing gear and gill nets, fisheries crews collected a total of 13 species. Gamefish present include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and chain pickerel. Yellow perch, white perch, black crappie, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, brown bullheads and yellow bullheads compose the panfish fauna, while other indigenous species include golden shiners, white suckers, lake chubsuckers and fallfish.

## Fishing:

The fishery at Monomonac Lake does not appear to be one of our more impressive ones. During the sampling large bass (12 inches or better) were scarce to say the least. Almost all species are exhibiting less than average growth. A lack of good hiding cover for bass and pickerel might account for this. These predators will utilize whatever is available, so do not hesitate to fish around man-made structures such as docks and boats.

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